

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining.):

Please replace the paragraph at Page 3, line 15 - Page 4, line 4 with the following:

The S cam 12 has an S-head 14 fixably coupled to an elongate shank 16. When viewed end-on, the S-head 14 has a generally S-shape having two opposed arms for engaging respective brake shoes 11 in a brake assembly 13. Rotation of the S-head 14 relative to the brake shoes 11 in a first direction is effective for compressively, frictionally engaging the brake shoes 11 with a brake drum 15.

The shank 16 preferably has an elongate cylindrical shape. The shank 16 is preferably a solid metallic component that is usually forged or cast with the S-head 14.

A series of splines 18 are formed on the end of the shank 16 opposite to the S-head 14. A slack adjuster 20 having a splined insert 22 is adapted to engage the splines 18. The slack adjuster 20 is operably coupled to a pneumatic brake actuator 17~~(not shown)~~. Linear motion imparted to a distal end of the slack adjuster 20 imparts rotational motion to the S cam 12 for actuating the brakes of the vehicle. A plurality of washers 21 may be disposed on either side of the slack adjuster 20.